

Radiation Safety Considerations for Replacement of the Soft X-Ray Undulators for LCLS-II-HE

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Outline

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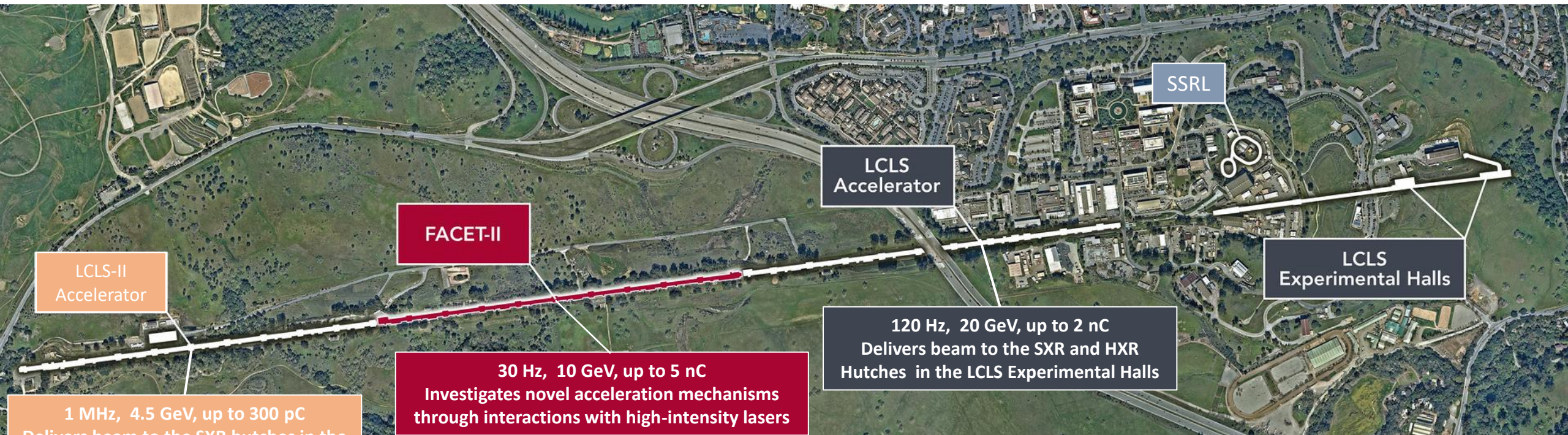
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Beam Containment Analysis

- Superconducting Beam
- Normal Conducting Beam

Shielding Analysis

Linear Accelerator Facility at SLAC



LCLS-II Accelerator

1 MHz, 4.5 GeV, up to 300 pC
Delivers beam to the SXR hutches in the LCLS Experimental Halls

FACET-II

30 Hz, 10 GeV, up to 5 nC
Investigates novel acceleration mechanisms through interactions with high-intensity lasers

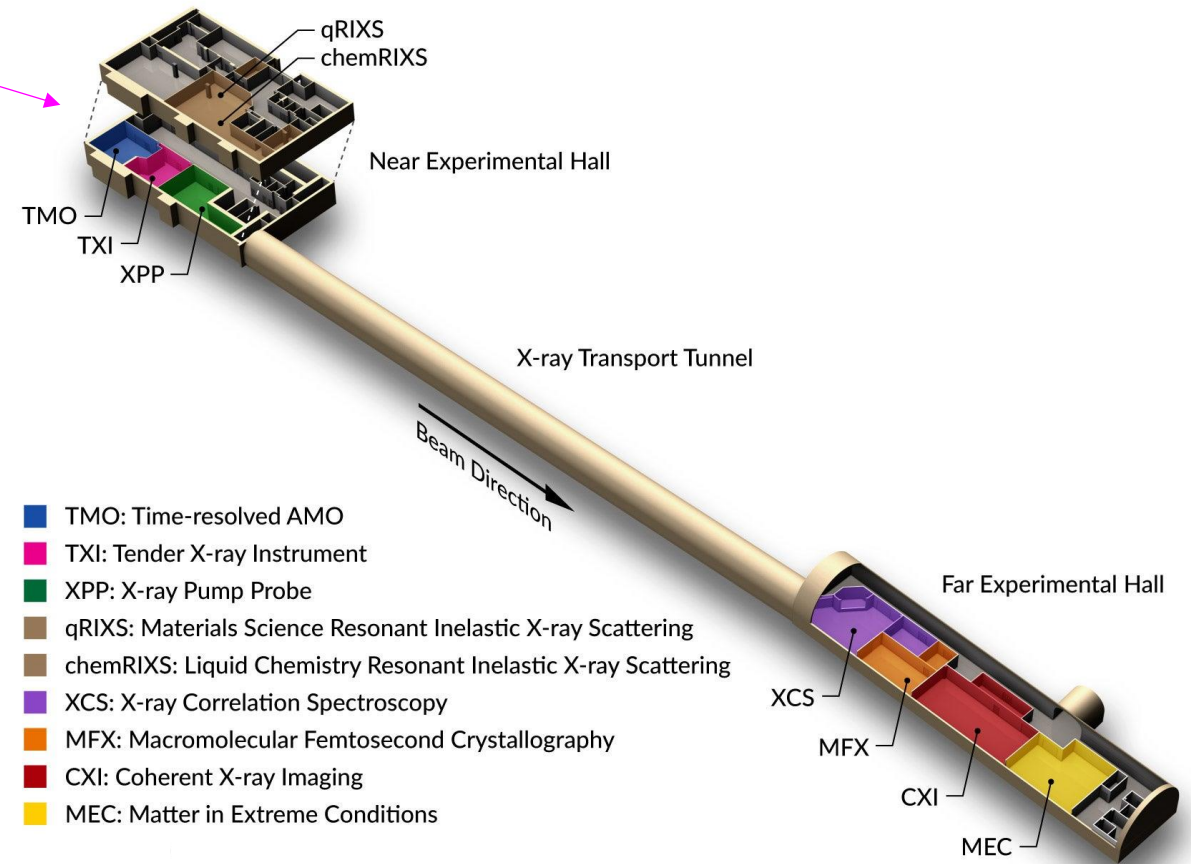
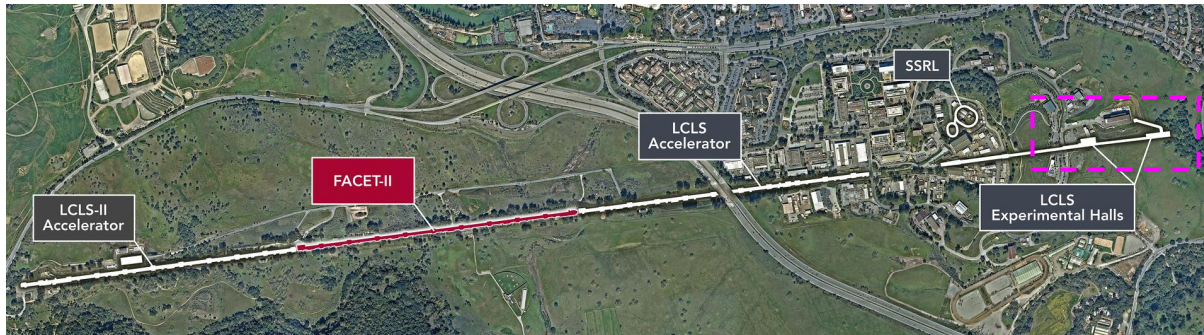
LCLS Accelerator

120 Hz, 20 GeV, up to 2 nC
Delivers beam to the SXR and HXR Hutches in the LCLS Experimental Halls

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LCLS Experimental Halls

LCLS Experimental Halls and FEL Capabilities



Soft X-Ray Hutches (TMO, RIX, and TXI-SXR) have access to:

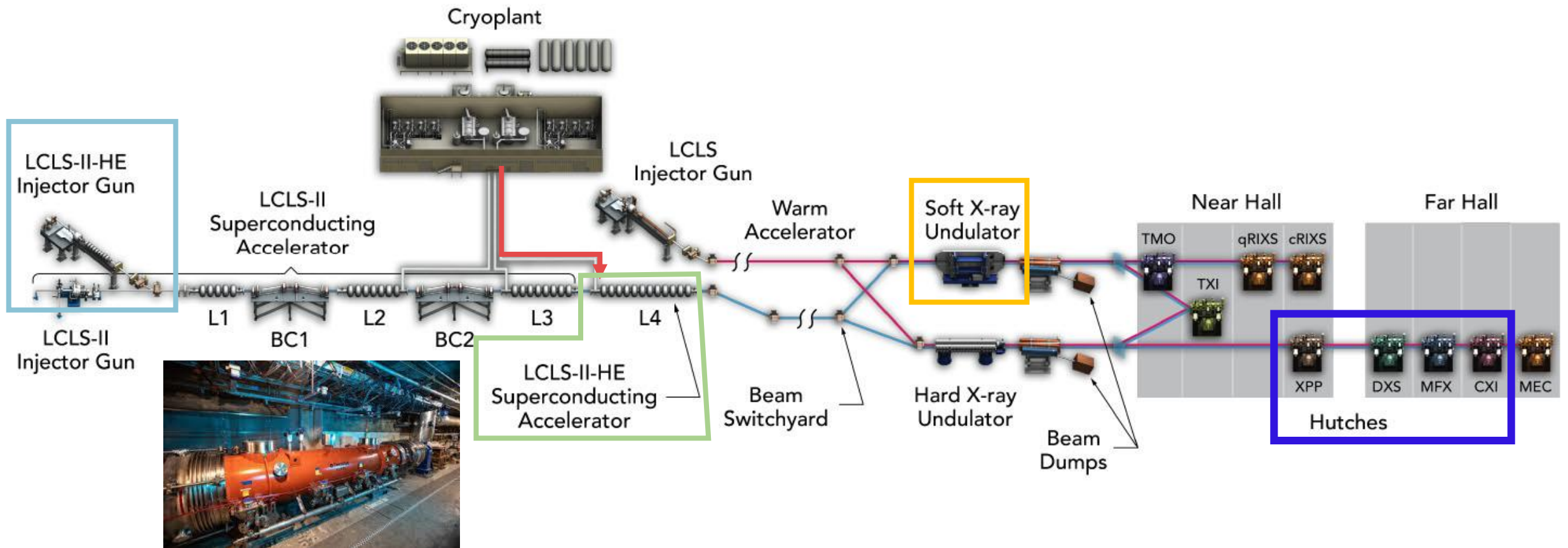
- 250 eV up to 2.1 keV x-rays @ 1 MHz with the LCLS-II
- 250 eV up to 8 keV x-rays @ 120 Hz with the LCLS

Hard X-Ray Hutches (TXI-HXR, XPP, XCS, MFX, CXI, MEC) have access to:

- 1 keV up to 25 keV x-rays @ 120 Hz with the LCLS

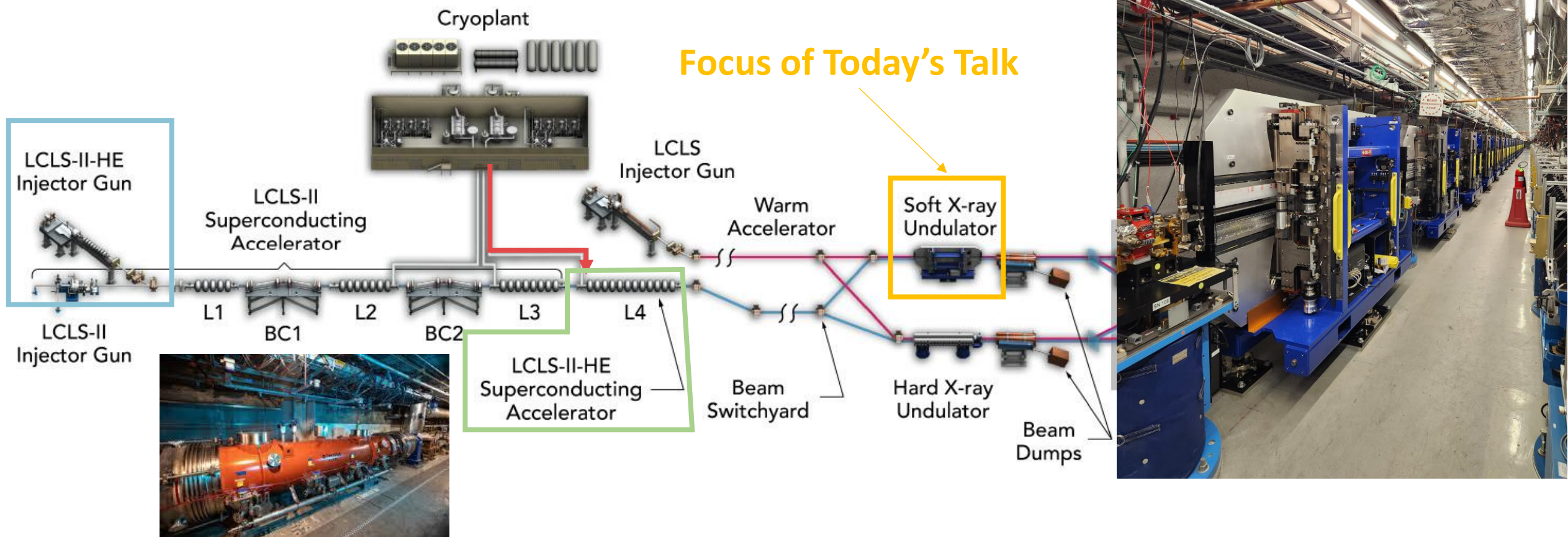
The capabilities of all soft and hard x-ray hutches (except MEC) will be upgraded as a part of the LCLS-II High Energy project (LCLS-II-HE)

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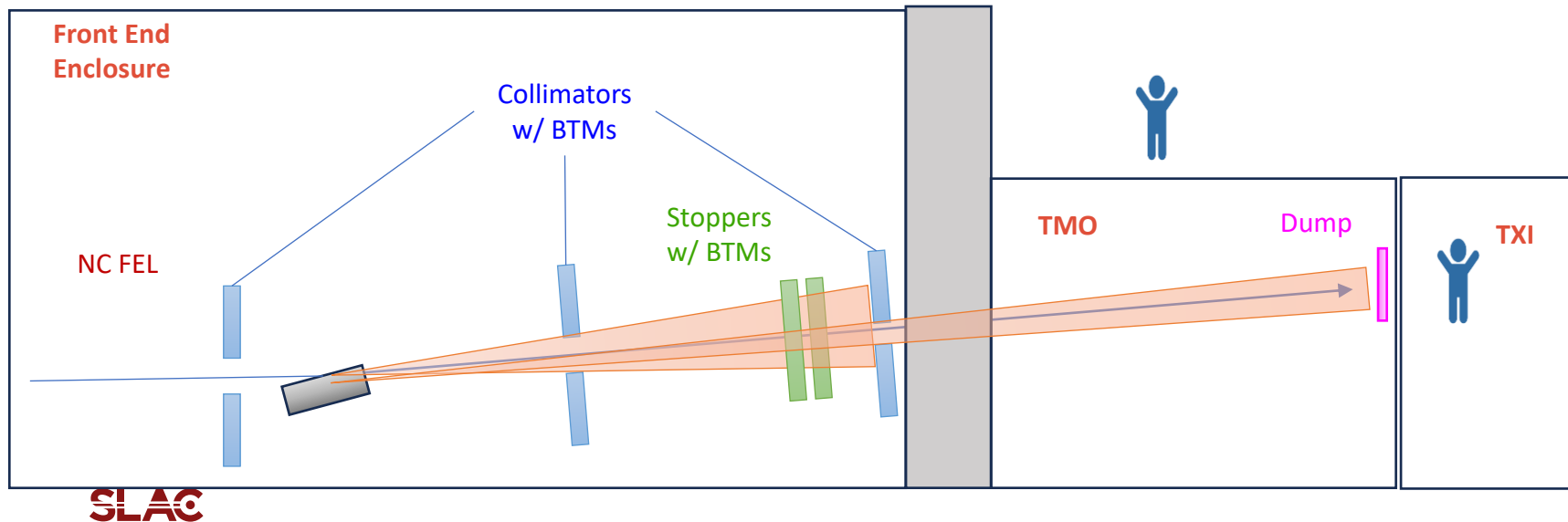
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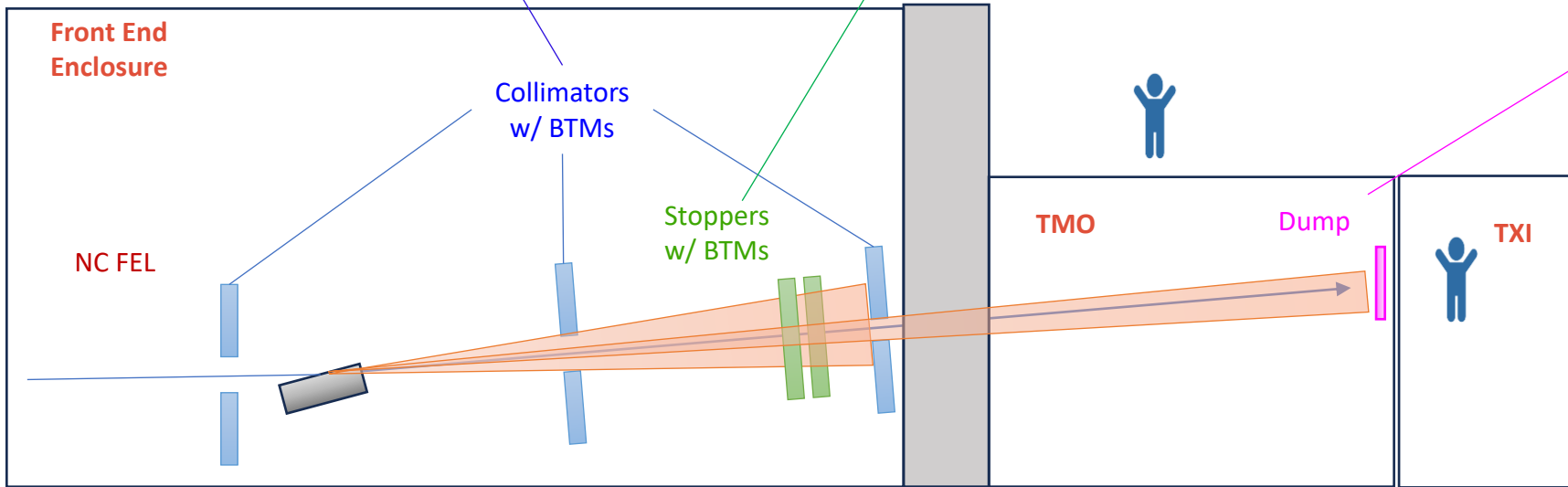
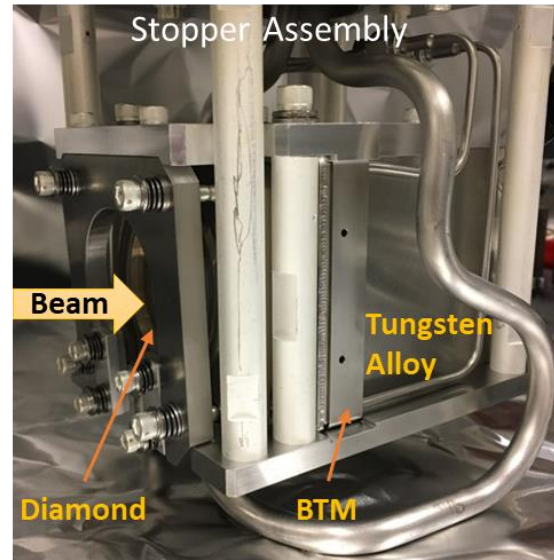
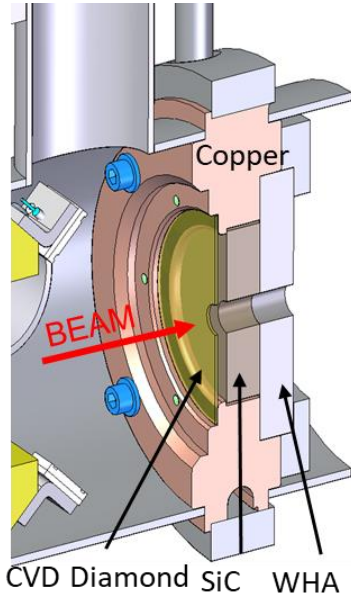
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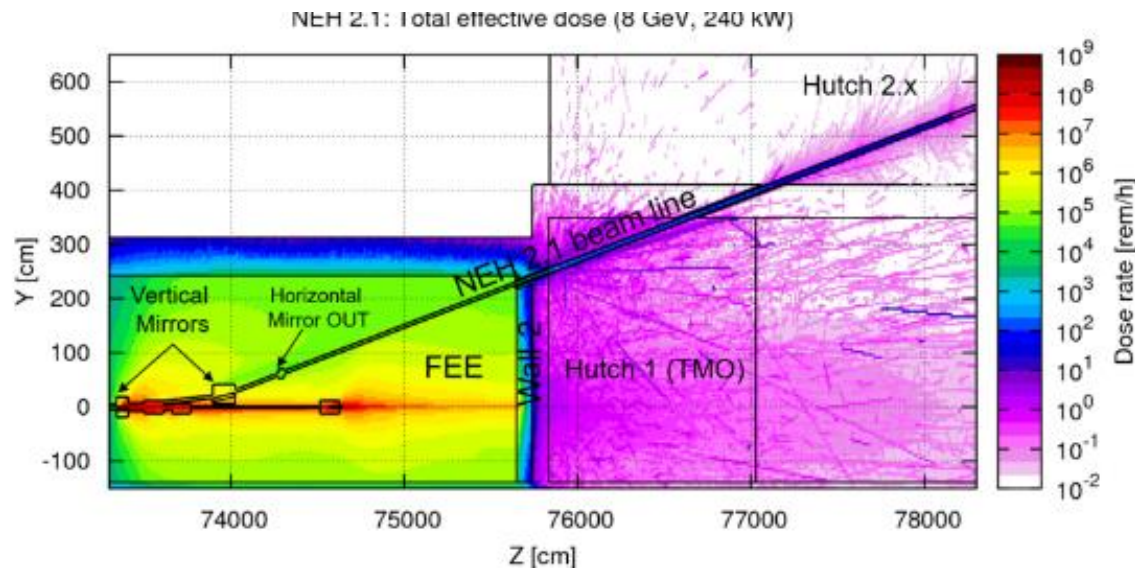
BeO Water cooled beam dump

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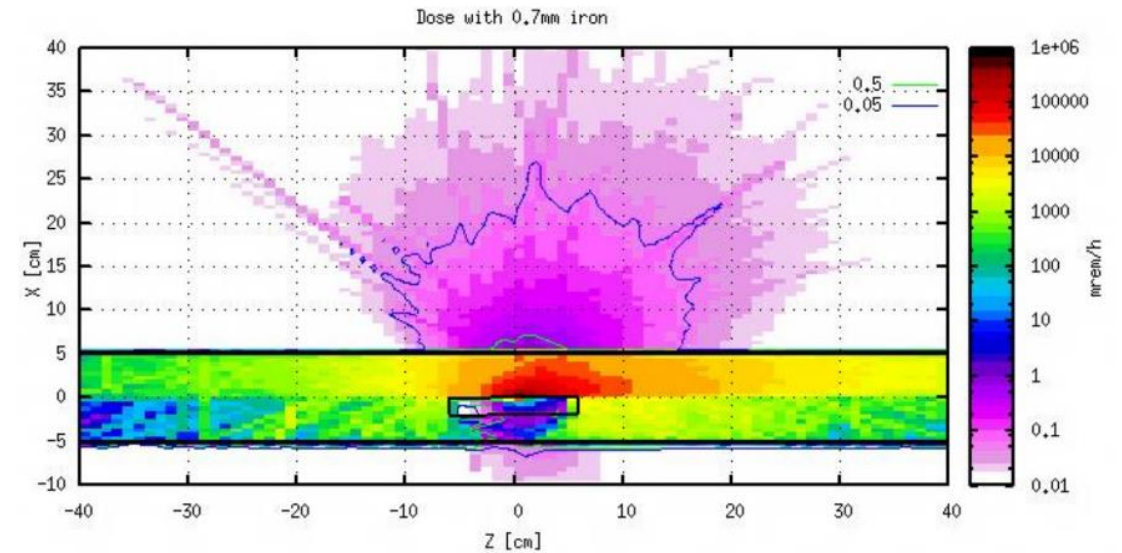
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Shielding Studies of the Front End Enclosure



Generalized model of hutch shielding

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This talk will cover some of the aspects of the analysis performed that enabled the approval of the installation of the new undulators during ongoing operation

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Collaboration with the project and FEL scientists is key in defining the scope of work for RP analysis:

- **BCS:** Defining how *maximum credible FEL parameters* would change:
 - Pulse Yield
 - Divergence and Source Location
 - Bandwidth
- **Shielding:** Clarity on the installation schedule
 - What would be the maximum number of undulator periods?

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Planned Power Ramp up before Long Down Time for LCLS-II-HE:

- Nominal electron beam of 20 kW to the dumps
- Corresponds to maximum electron beam of 26.6 kW

The analysis will extend up to 27 kW e- beam at 4.5 GeV
 Goal: Results demonstrate expected safety margins at this power

Limiting to a certain power helped to streamline the approval process, as average FEL powers remained within previously studied domains

LCLS-II SXUs (39 mm) HE SXUs (56 mm) Self-Seeding (out of scope) Delta Undulator (out of scope)

Each row represents a unique configuration of the soft x-ray undulator string that could produce FEL Beam and Synchrotron Radiation

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SLAC and LCLS-II-HE Overview

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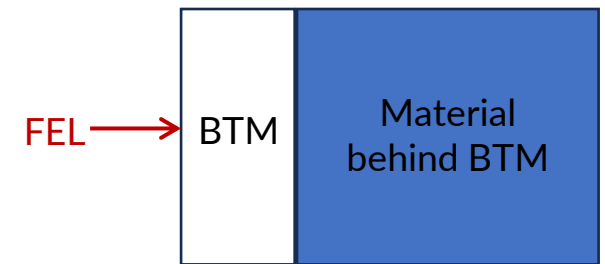
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Shielding Analysis

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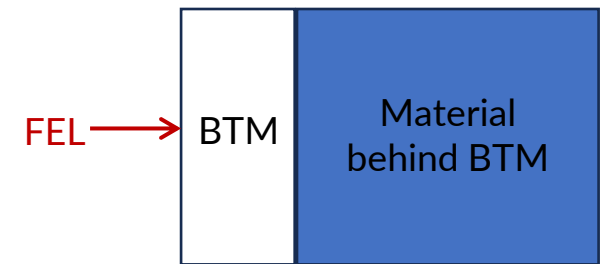
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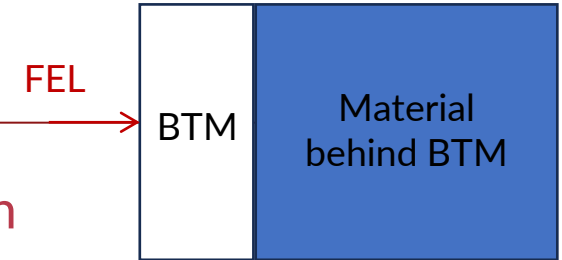


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Burnthrough Time Calculation

A simple conservative model is used to predict the complex burnthrough time phenomena:



$$\text{Drill Speed} = \frac{\text{FEL Power}}{\frac{2\pi\sigma^2\rho H}{A}}$$

σ = rms beam size, ρ = density, A = atomic mass number, H = total energy needed to vaporize 1 mole of material

Model assumes:

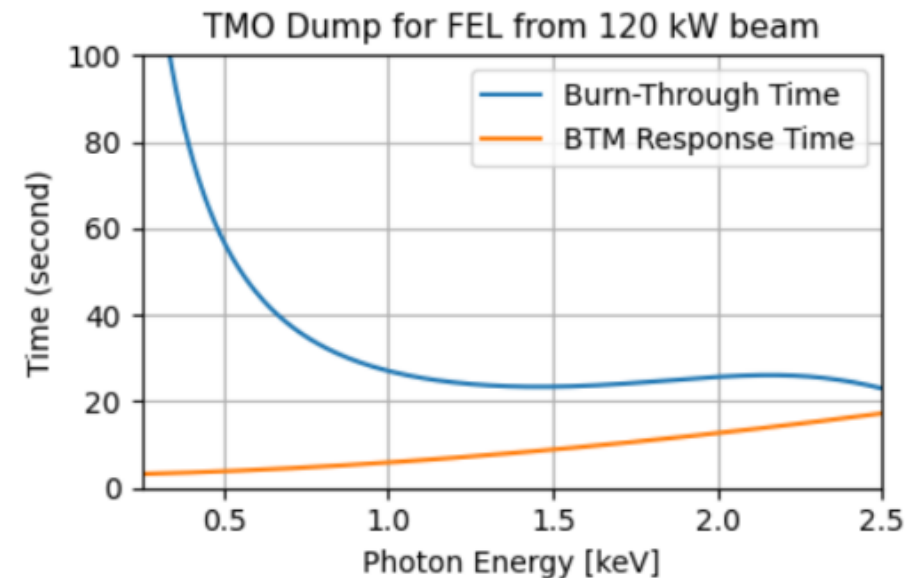
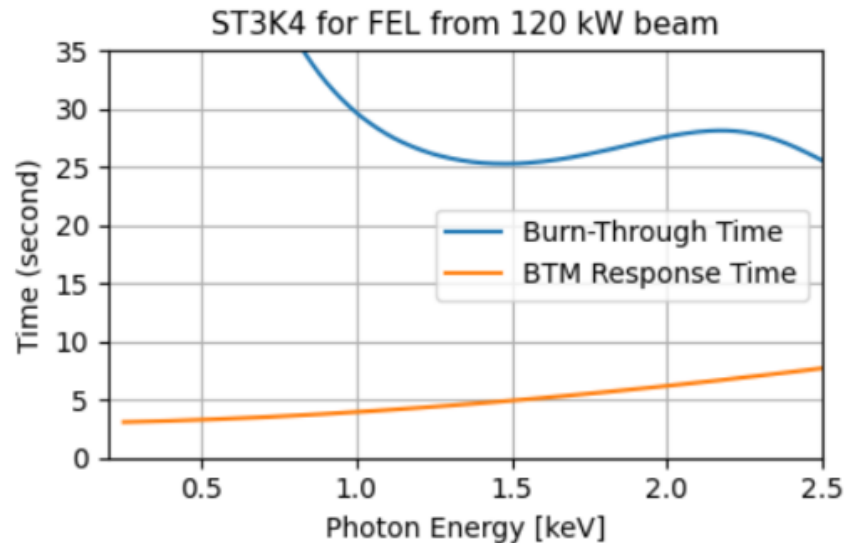
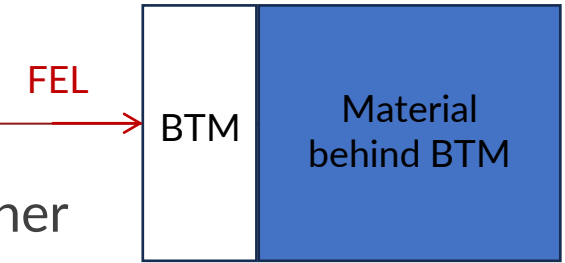
- No heat transfer
- Does not consider any effects related to material clearance from the channel
- Independent of changing attenuation length → Surface heating instead of volumetric heating

Interlock Response Time Calculation

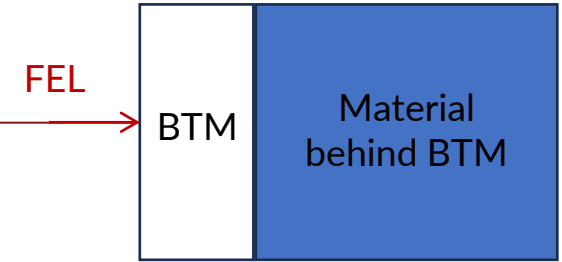
Burnthrough monitors (BTMs) used in LCLS-II BCS systems are a container with pressurized gas.

- When a hole is drilled in the BTM, a sensor will detect the pressure change due to the gas escaping through the hole

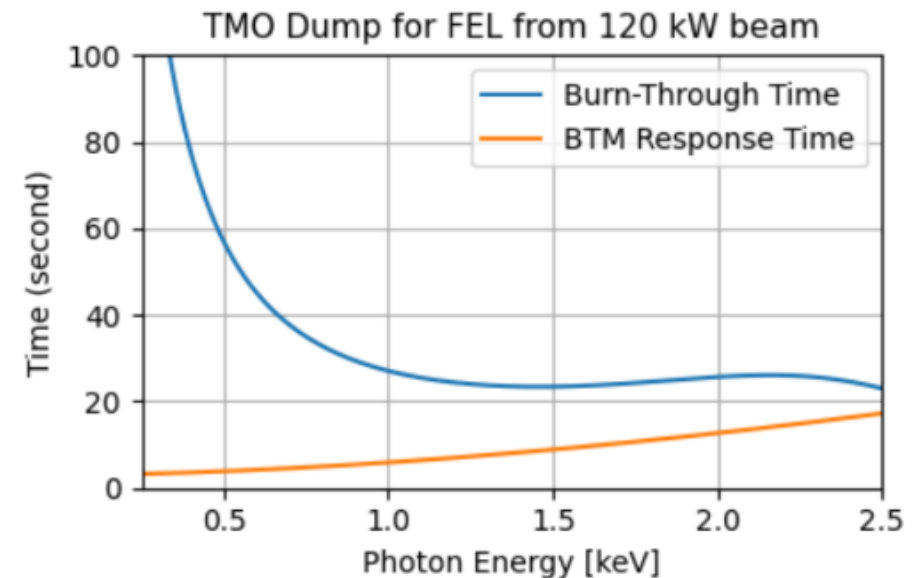
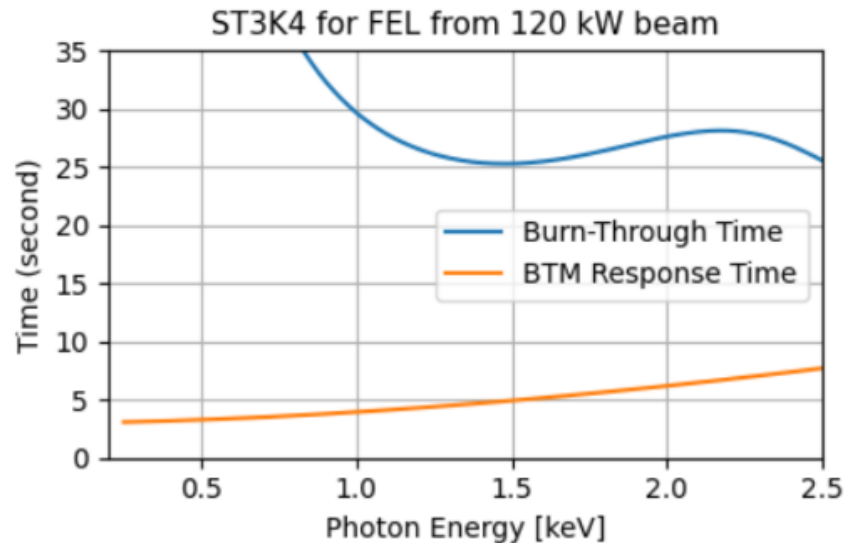
Assumed: Hole size is assumed to be equal to the FEL FWHM which changes as a function of FEL energy



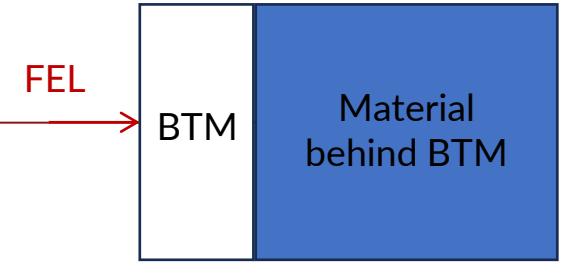
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Conservative Safety Margin can be developed by taking the ratio of the two values at their minimum separation



Interlock Response



Change to expected safety margin:

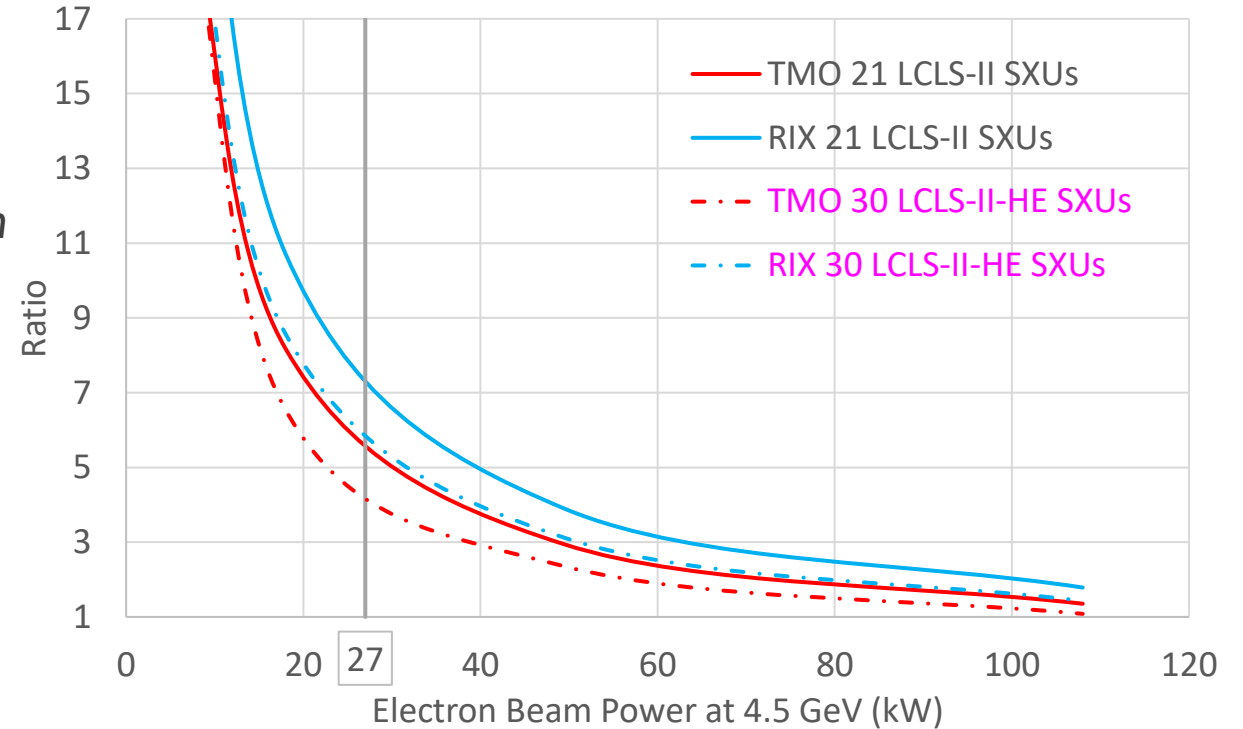
- a. Hole's size produced in BTM or vacuum boundary
 - *No change to beam size, so the response is unaffected*
- b. Burnthrough time of backing material (*BTM only*)
 - *25% increase in average FEL Power and no change in beam size*

Limiting Cases are the **TMO dump** and **RIX Stopper**

The expected minimum safety factor for the interlock response is >4 for the TMO dump at 27 kW e-beam and the maximum theoretical FEL yield

Bootstrap test will be performed ramping up to this level

Burn-Through Time vs. BTM Response Time Ratio



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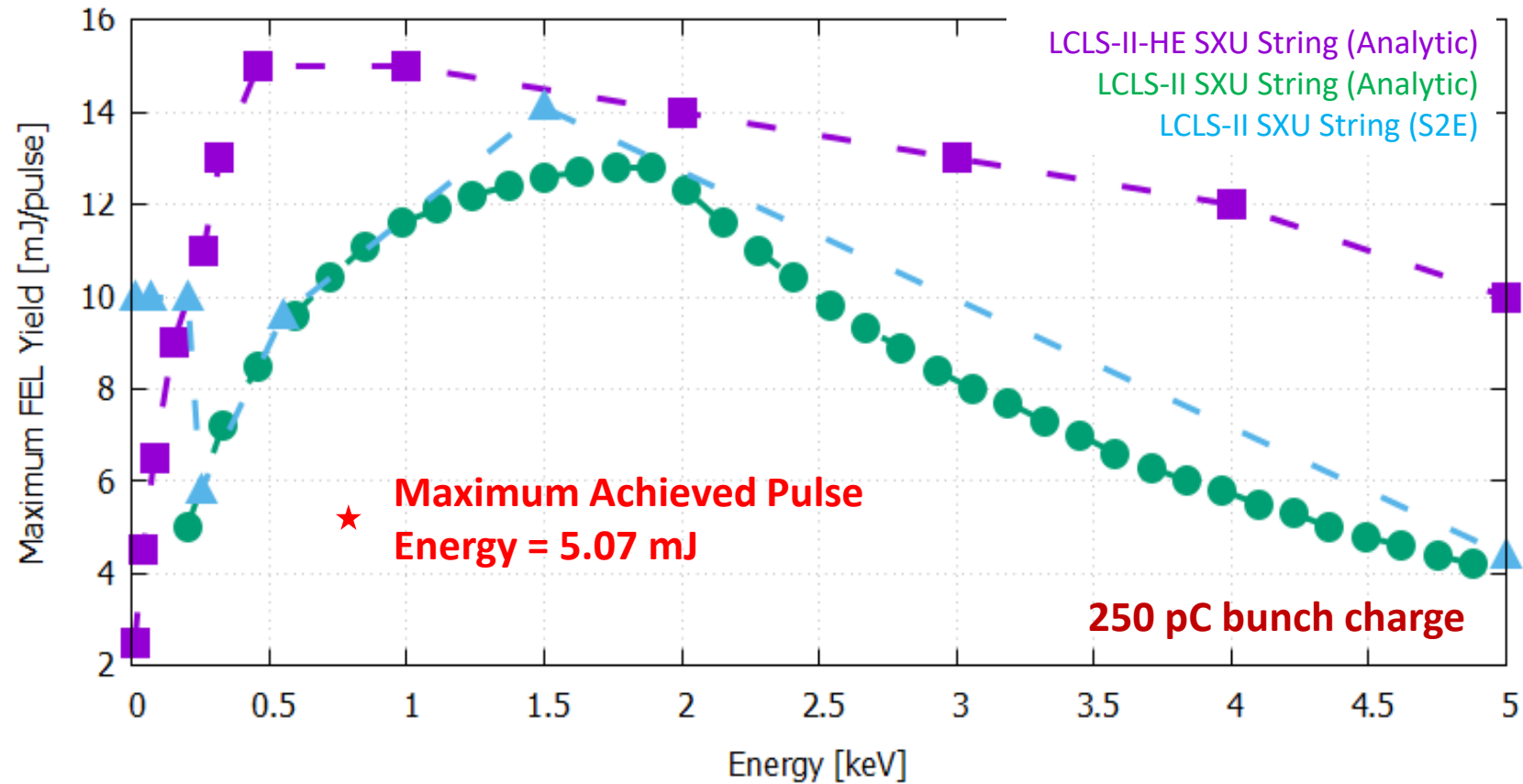
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Beam Containment: NC FEL Yield

Analysis shows that FEL yield during NC Operation will increase significantly



NC FEL BCS Analysis

The hazard from NC-FEL operation is multi-pulse damage which will be assessed for relevant BCS components

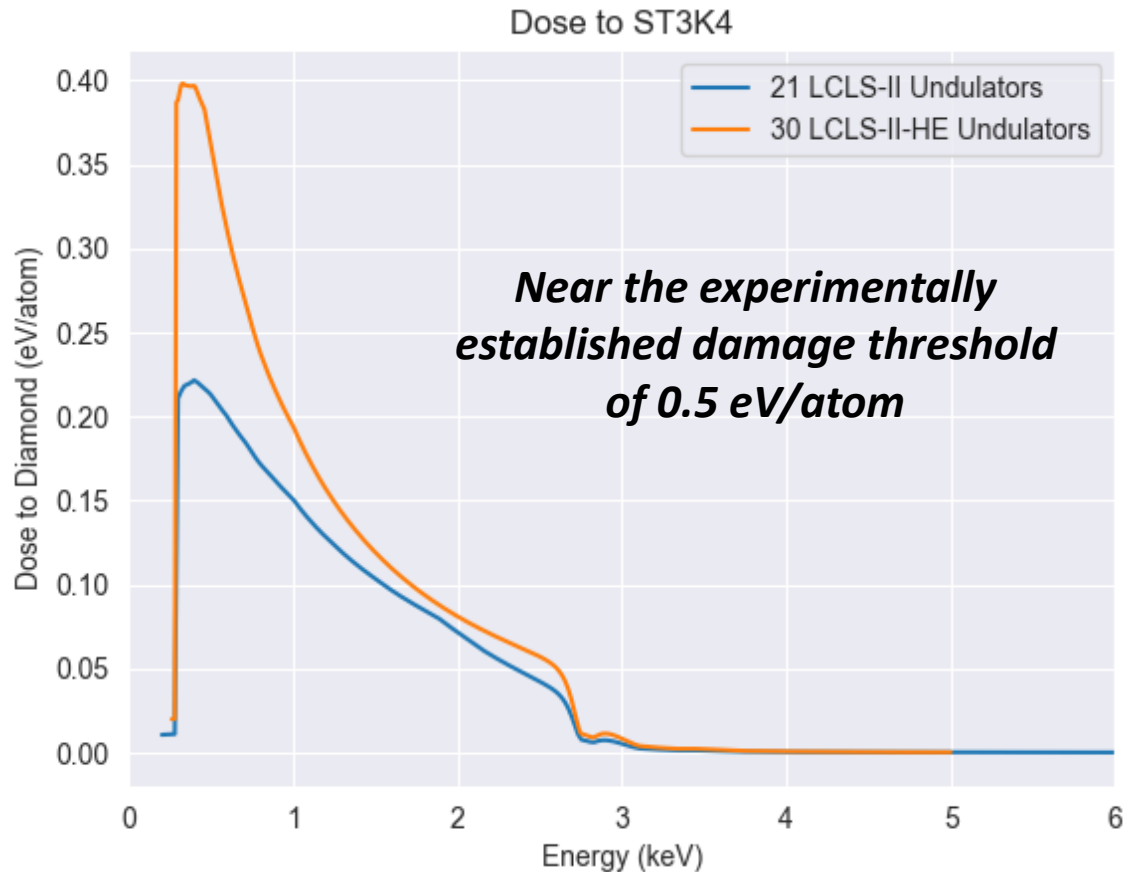
- CVD Diamond in stoppers ST1K2 (RIX), ST1K3 (TXI-SXR), and ST3K4 (TMO)
- CVD Diamond in Collimator PC2K4 (TMO)
- SiC in Collimator PC1K3 (TXI-SXR)

Multibunch operation will also be investigated and can send up to 8 electron bunches in a short bunch train

- Previous analysis limits the operation to ≤ 4 bunches

Simulations of Dose [eV/atom] will be compared to experimentally measured damage thresholds to determine if additional controls are needed

NC FEL Beam Containment: TMO Stopper (ST3K4)



Stoppers and collimators survive single pulse damage effects during operation at the maximum credible yield

However, the **factor of ~2 increase in maximum credible FEL pulse energy** leads to significantly higher dose to BCS components

Previously developed limits on multibunch operation need to be revised to address the increased FEL yield

Summary of Beam Containment Hazards

| Beamline | Component | SC FEL (300 pC) | NC FEL (250 pC/bunch) | |
|----------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Single Bunch | Multibunch Operation |
| RIX | Diamond Stopper ST1K2 | OK up to 27 kW of e-beam with safety margins | OK | Limits Needed (Limiting Case) |
| TMO | Diamond Stopper ST3K4 | | OK | Limits Needed |
| | Diamond Collimator PC2K4 | | OK | Limits Needed |
| TXI | SiC PC1K3 | Out of Scope | OK | Limits Needed |

SC FEL: Existing monitoring and Testing for SC-FEL as a part of the bootstrap plan is sufficient up to 27 kW of e- beam *(and likely beyond given current FEL yields)*

NC FEL: 12 mJ/bunch-train FEL yield limits is needed (ST1K2 is the limiting case)

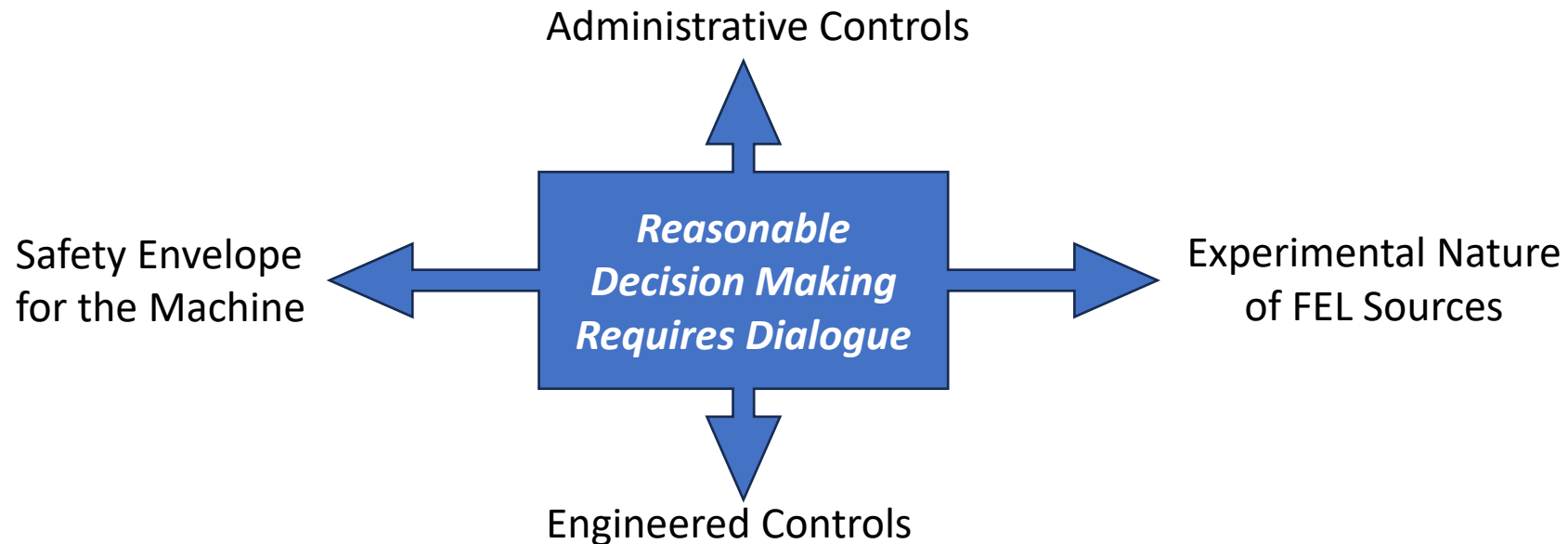
- Collaborative and regular monitoring program with the Accelerator Directorate and LCLS Organization is a reasonable path forward to control low probability hazard of prolonged high FEL yields or infrequent multibunch operation on the SXR line

Comments on FEL BCS Analysis

Paradigm of defining maximum credible beam (required by US regulatory body) works well for accelerators (i.e. electrons) but not so well for FEL

- Specialized expertise required to produce and interpret FEL source simulations
- Path to achieving high FEL yields is complicated and subject to real operating conditions

Additionally creditable FEL Power interlocks are non-trivial and will require significant work to achieve at appropriate safety integrity levels



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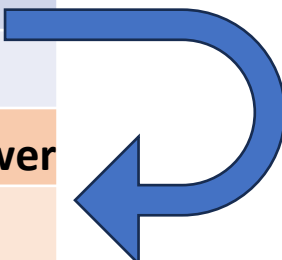
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Shielding: SR Sources

Shielding Designed Envelope (SDE) used in Front End Enclosure (FEE) and Hutch Shielding

Goal: Determine if new SR source is less than the Shielding Design Envelope

| Configuration | Electron Energy | Electron Beam Power | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| LCLS-SC Operation | 5 GeV | 120 kW | |
| LCLS-NC Operation | 12 GeV | 2.6 kW | |
| Shielding Design Envelope | SC: 8 GeV | 240 kW | Factor of 2 higher power already considered |
| | NC: 20 GeV | 5 kW | |



Simulations of SR source spectra were performed with the SPECTRA Code and calculated analytically

Changes to total SR power

Shielding Design Envelope With 21 LCLS-II SXUs

- **SC:** 240 kW / 8 GeV → 222 W
- **NC:** 5 kW and 20 GeV → 11.6 W

Proposed Change With 30 HE SXUs:

- **SC:** 120 kW / 5 GeV → 120 W
- **NC:** 2.6 kW and 12 GeV → 6.2 W

Proposed Change With 9 HE SXUs + 21 LCLS-II SXUs :

- **SC:** 120 kW / 5 GeV → 105 W
- **NC:** 2.6 kW and 12 GeV → 5.5 W

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| "Maximum" Credible Configuration (MCC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Shielding design envelope exceeds both the completed LCLS-II-HE Sting and MCC

Conservative assumptions about future performance have enabled this change in operation, with only minimal additional shielding analysis

Summary

LCLS-II-HE project increases the high repetition rate capability of the **Hard X-ray Beam** at LCLS, and maintains the existing capability for **Soft X-Ray Science** with the installation of the new Soft X-Ray Undulators

Some takeaways:

Beam Containment

- Achieved and estimated maximum credible FEL yields remains at tension and requires on going dialogue

Shielding

- Previous conservative assumptions enabled major upgrades to scientific infrastructure with only minimal analysis and not additional shielding requirements

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